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## BIRTH.

On the 21st August, at Sochow, the wife of N. GUY GEE, of a son (CHARLES McQUEEN).

The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 28TH AUGUST, 1903

The appointment of Admiral ALEXIEFF as Viceroy, with full powers, under the Supreme Council of the Russian Empire, is a fact which for good or ill cannot fail to have important consequences, not only for the outside world but for Russia herself. We know of no equivalent to the appointment in modern times, and its nearest representative seems to be the satraps of the ancient Persian Empire, as founded by Darius. We have before, on the 17th instant, alluded to the external aspects of the appointment; the internal, as indicative of the profound changes through which the Russian Empire is passing, seem no less important and interesting. In remarking more than once recently on the curious contrast between orders given at St. Petersburg and the acts of the Russian agents in the Far East, we have more than once pointed out the absence of any adequate power of control midway. Russia, we all know, feels none too assured of her position in Central Asia, and doubtless fears that at any moment her communications may be cut in two; she has too often condoned the most glaring breaches of discipline to feel quite easy as to the loyalty of her commanders; and now the same difficulty is staring her in the face at the extremity of the line. It has been evident during the whole of the recent operations in Manchuria that, not St. Petersburg, but the officer in command in the eastern Province, has assumed full control of Russia's foreign policy. This, as we have pointed out, while a menace to the world at

large, can by no means be looked upon as satisfactory to her satrap at home, and it may well be that the new step is taken in the hope of getting rid of the anomaly. If so, the step, judged from the experience of history, is a particularly fatuous one. The appointment of satraps, supposed to be responsible to the supreme power alone, has been the general forerunner of disaster in all Asiatic empires. For that reason it has never recommended itself to European Powers, and there is no reason to believe that with Russia it is anything other than a confession of weakness. Menaced by revolution at home, openly set at naught by her representatives abroad, the bureaucracy of Russia is in evil case, so perhaps it is not to be wondered at that it should eagerly seize every nostrum that seemed to offer a temporary alleviation to the vexation under which it suffers.

But if such be the view we must take of the appointment when contemplating it from a Russian standpoint, when we look at it from outside there are other dangers even more imminent. Here we must look at the past career of Admiral ALEXIEFF, and the outlook is by no means reassuring. In fact, the new Viceroy has been distinguished principally by his capacity to do always the thing at any moment calculated to breed ill-feeling. His was the childish war about the railway siding at Tientsin; his seems to have been the silly painting of the rolling stock on the Chinese railway with Siberian colours; his too were the perpetual squabbles about trifles of every kind. Such conduct does not indicate a great administrator; yet if not as an administrator, of what possible utility to Russia can be his appointment to an important vicereignty? Even to pick a quarrel, the new Viceroy, while quite capable of doing a wrong, has not the supreme art of doing it so as to seem in the right. That the Russian Government in selecting Admiral ALEXIEFF for the new post, did it in the hope that it would be the most pleasant part of his task to pick a quarrel with Japan, we may accept as extremely probable. There are many things in Russian eyes to be gained from such a quarrel at the present condition of affairs. Russia is sadly in want of some cheap prestige. She is aware that the world at large is looking askance at her as a never-do-well amongst the nations; if she could just manage to get into some little war, not too expensive, where she might have some reasonable hope for success, and could not be too badly beaten, it would take men's minds off their little troubles at home, and would afford a reasonable means of drafting a goodly number of troublesome subjects to Siberia, whence of course they need never come. Now doubtless Admiral ALEXIEFF is just the man to pick the quarrel, but he scarcely seems to be the man to pick it wisely; and in this lies the difficulty of the case. In any way the appointment of her Far Eastern satrap is not a subject on which, whether as friends or possible enemies, we can congratulate Russia.

No plague-cases were reported during the 24 hours ended at noon yesterday.

The French mail of the 28th July was delivered in London on the 27th inst.

In the Summary Court yesterday a mafioso Captain Keller of the Sherwood Foresters for \$29 in respect of the keep of a pony. Mr. Justice Wills dismissed the suit, after hearing evidence.

We received yesterday from the U.S. Consulate-General the following typhoon warning issued from Manila Observatory at 9 a.m.—2 th, 9 a.m.—Typhoon off the east coast Luzon, probably between parallels 16 and 17.

Four months' hard labour was the sentence imposed yesterday at the Police Court by Mr. T. Sorcombe Smith upon a Chinese youth who admitted stealing \$33.50 from his uncle in Canton for the purpose of going abroad. The uncle was visited by a detective from Hongkong, and came down here to give evidence.

Poor Marshal Su, says the P. & T. Times, was confined in the very room in the Board of Puniishments Yamen where the wretched Shen suffered his martyrdom, the ghastly mementoes of his suffering still staining the floor. The occupant found this unbearable, and managed to effect a transfer by paying Tls. 800.

The enquiry was resumed yesterday afternoon before Mr. T. Sorcombe Smith, Police Magistrate, into the circumstances attending the death of a native workman who was killed by the collapse of a house at Mai Kwai Lane, West Point, on the 19th inst. The enquiry was again adjourned till Tuesday next, when it is expected to conclude.

By permission of Major Radcliff and officers, the band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-night from 8 to 9.30. The following is the programme:—  
March, "On the Beach."—Ord House Orchestra.  
"The Sapphire Necklace."—Sullivan Selection.  
"The Runaway Girl."—Coryell Song.  
"Yin Sing The Song of Araby."—Clay Selection.  
"The Belle of New York."—Kerby Waltz.  
"The Song of the Sea."—Groves Selection.  
"God Save the King."—The Band.

Sir Ernest Satow arrived at Peking on the evening of the 28th inst.

The Oriente Hotel at Manila has been sold to the Insular Government for over \$450,000, to be used as a post-office, etc.

A Berlin telegram to Manila says that Baron Von Stengle is the new Minister of the Treasury. He is a distinguished financier.

According to a Berlin telegram, the Krupp have announced that they will fight the Steel Trust's encroachment on their trade in Europe.

A floating-dock for the accommodation of passengers, to facilitate their landing and to gain possession of their baggage, is the latest addition planned by the Custom House at Manila.

The death occurred at Kube on the 16th inst. of Mr. John C. Abell, a well known and very popular resident, who was for many years Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of the port.

The N.C. Daily News quotes a Canton despatch to the effect that it was rumoured last Saturday that Viceroy Shun, accompanied by General Feng Tze-tai, has gained a great victory over a large body of rebels at Hsinchou, Kwangsi, and that the rebel losses were over 3,000.

The China Navigation Company has added another liner to the fleet that plies between Hongkong and Manila, the steamer Kaifong being the latest addition. This will give this company a weekly service; the Kaifong will run alternately with the Sunghang, so that those steamers will leave Hongkong and Manila every Wednesday and arrive in alternate ports every Saturday.

The N.C. Daily News says that the meeting of the Consular Body to discuss the Suiyao case has not yet taken place, and there is consequently no question as yet as to sending the difficulty back again at Peking. The prisoners cannot be gagged indefinitely, says our contemporary, and the probability is that they will be shortly brought before the Mixed Court and tried in accordance with the original agreement with the Taotsi.

Under date Berlin, 22nd August, the Ostasiatische Lloyd publishes the following remarkable telegram:—"The London Times publishes some false representations in regard to the visit of the German men-of-war to Vladivostok and announces a new Russo-German-French triple alliance in East Asia. There is not a word true in the whole matter." It is curious we have heard no word of the alleged representations of the Times from any other source.

The Ostasiatische Lloyd has the following Hongkong telegram, dated 24th August:—"The Rev. W. Homeyer, of the Berlin Mission, was attacked last Tuesday on the North river by pirates, who robbed and badly wounded him with four bullets in the face. His wife's maid, his own servants, and the boatmen were also wounded. The affair occurred at the same spot where the American railway engineers were recently attacked. The German Consul in Canton, to which place Mr. Homeyer has returned, has taken up the matter." The story about the attack on the Americans was much exaggerated. This may turn out equally so.

Mr. Fred T. Jane, author of All the World's Fighting Ships and a well-known naval publicist, has announced his intention to contest Portsmouth, at the next general election as an Independent Conservative candidate, and in a letter to the Conservative Association, declining to place his candidature in the hands of that body, he states that he places the Navy before party. The Naval and Military Record says:—"We have nothing to do here with the particular shade of Mr. Jane's politics, but we may point out that most of the candidates for Dockyard towns have to acquire their naval knowledge after their election, whereas Mr. Jane, by virtue of the process by bringing an encyclopaedic knowledge direct to the arena. We have here a naval specialist, living in a naval town, offering himself without the support of the party organisation, to the suffrages of the constituency with whose aims and objects he has a life-long acquaintance. It will be remembered that some years ago the warrant officers contemplated running their own candidate, and it is no secret that Mr. Jane was the man of their choice."

The deaths of two Admirals who once saw service in China are announced in the latest home mail-papers. Admiral the Hon. Fitzgerald Alagon Charles Foley, died on the 26th ult. at Fordingbridge, Hants. He was born in 1823, and entered the Royal Navy on May 2nd, 1837. As a midshipman he served in the Castor during the operations on the coast of Syria and at the bombardment of Acre in 1840, and received the Syrian and Turkish medals with clasp. His commissions as midshipman, lieutenant, and commander bore date respectively April 29th, 1843, January 15th, 1846, and September 7th, 1855. During this period he saw service in China against pirates, and received the China medal. Afterwards he became superintendent of Sheerness Dockyard, and as a rear-admiral, superintendent of Portsmouth Dockyard from 1877 to 1882. He became vice-admiral on November 23rd, 1881, and admiral May 24th, 1887, being placed on the retired list July 7th of the same year.—Rear-admiral the Hon. Richard Howe, whose death occurred at Folkestone, was the second son of the second Earl of Lisdown. Born in 1800, he entered the Royal Navy in June, 1810, served as a midshipman in the Crimea, and also saw service in the Baltic and during the China War of 1857-8.

Rear Admiral Evans, R.N., is having a thorough survey made of Chefoo Harbour.

According to the 29th August issue of the Times, the four Chinese warships were for sale in England at once.

Mr. E. von Hirsch, for some time Consul and Acting Consul-General for Austria-Hungary at Shanghai, has been appointed Consul-General.

The Roy. Father Hendrick has been consecrated Bishop of Cebu, and will shortly leave for the seat of his future labours, says a New York telegram.

"The Yellow River is reported to be again getting out of bed owing to the recent rains," says a Northern paper. Others are reported to be staying in bed for the same reason.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and her Consort, Prince Henry, will visit the colonies of Holland in the winter. Queen Emma, the Queen Dowager, will act as Regent during her daughter's absence.

Owing to the epidemic at Cambridge recently of a mysterious disease resembling in some respects smallpox, the authorities ordered that all coins should be disinfected. We wonder what diseases may not be conveyed by Hongkong and Chinese coins.

The French Minister at Peking is said to have again demanded to know about the privileges granted the French by ex-Viceroy Wang, and whether they will be continued by his successor. The Waiwup has replied that the details shall be investigated.

Cholera, which had been for some time prevalent around Simla, reached the station early in August, but only one case had so far occurred within the municipal limits, according to last advices. Extraordinary precautions were being taken in view of the appearance of cholera.

The orders already promulgated at home which prohibit the wearing of uniform at fancy dress balls, and which provide that soldiers are to be returned by all officers present are now published formally in Indian Army Orders and are thereby brought into force in India.

The Naval and Military Record writes that "Russia still hopes that when Japan sees she is ready she will not press matters too far. It was this sort of policy which plunged Russia into the Crimean war. Believing that England and France would not strike, the Emperor refused to yield, and Russia may be making the same mistake to-day. . . . Under certain circumstances we are bound by the Anglo-Japanese alliance to render our ally support should she be placed in the awkward position indicated, and we could not stand idly by if we saw Japan in a life-and-death struggle in the fight for the open door."

The grievances of the Indian medical service, which are the subject of an appeal to the Members of Parliament by the British Medical Association, include the slowness of promotion and consequent age retirement before the full pension has been earned. The appeal claims an alteration of the retirement and pension rules, an increase of pay similar to that given to the Royal Army Medical Corps, and selection of the P. M. O. for India alternately from the Indian Medical Service and the Army Medical Department. The Civil branch complains that honours are not given for purely professional distinction and claims equal pay with the military branch and the abolition of rules limiting fees. It is also claimed that the Director-General of the Indian Medical Service should have the rank of Lieutenant-General and a seat on the Viceroy's Council, with direct access to the Viceroy, and that Administrative Medical Officers should have seats on the Provincial Councils.

## THE "POYANG" FATALITY.

The N.C. Daily News of the 25th inst. says:—"The return of the Poyang to Shanghai has enabled us to obtain, through the courtesy of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, some further information in reference to this calamity. It is known now that the mess-room boy, who was landed sick at Wuhu before there had been any deaths on board the steamer, has since died there of cholera. The whole of the evidence obtainable as to what occurred on the Poyang and as to the illness and death of her five officers, was submitted to and carefully investigated by Dr. Thomson of Hankow, who has certified in a long and exhaustive report to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, that the symptoms in the case of all those who died were undoubtedly those of true cholera. Dr. Thomson's report and the evidence have been laid before Drs. Burge and Mills here, who fully agree with his conclusions. Finally, the matter has been submitted to the Acting Chief Justice here, Mr. F. S. A. Bourne, who has given it as his opinion that Mr. Spencey, having before him the certificates of two qualified doctors that the deaths were due to cholera, was perfectly right in the absence of any cause of suspicion, in giving a burial order, an inquest under such circumstances not being necessary."

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—"The barometer has risen over E. Japan, fallen slightly over Formosa. A low pressure trough appears to be lying over the N. part of the China Sea and the Pacific to the E. of the Bellingham Channel. A circular depression may be forming in the neighbourhood of the latter area. Pressure is highest over E. Japan. Moderate to fresh N.E. winds in the Formosa Channel and over the E. part of the China Sea. Rainfall.—Maximum N.E. winds; showers.

## TELEGRAMS.

## THE AMERICA CUP.

LONDON, 28th August.

The Shamrock was 2 minutes and 36 seconds late in starting, of which 38 seconds were disallowed according to rule.

## THIRD RACE ABORTIVE.

LONDON, 27th August.

The race is off. The result of the skillful jockeying of the Beliance was that neither boat crossed the starting line till after the handicap gun had fired, the Shamrock thus losing 107 out of 157 seconds handicap. This is the worst tactical defeat ever sustained at the start in any "America" Cup race. The Beliance kept the lead on the fifteen mile windward stretch, turning the mark some minutes ahead of the Shamrock.

[The above is printed to-day by kind permission of the Chamber of Commerce. Messrs. Shaw, Thomas & Co. kindly informed us yesterday morning that they had received the following telegram with regard to the race:—

New York, 27th August.  
No race; very light weather; postponed owing to wind. Will be re-sailed day after to-morrow (Saturday).]

## THE BALKAN TROUBLES.

LONDON, 28th August.

With reference to telegram No. 2182, dated London, 28th inst., it was announced in Bucharest that the Bulgarians and Greeks in Roumania had been ordered to return to their homes for the purpose of mobilisation, but there has been no Bulgarian or Greek announcement to that effect.

The total number of Turks called out on a war footing in Macedonia is 350 battalions.

## THE GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY.

LONDON, 28th August.

Lord Lamington has been appointed Governor of Bombay.

## THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, 28th August.

Mr. Elihu Root, Secretary of War, has resigned and is succeeded by Mr. Taft.

## HONGKONG WATER POLO ASSOCIATION.

## AQUATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

This afternoon at the V.E.C. enclosure, the members of the Water Polo Association will give an aquatic entertainment, commencing at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Ladies are cordially invited by the Association. The following is the programme:

1.—TWO LENGTHS (HANDICAP). First and second in each heat to swim in the final.  
FIRST HEAT. SECOND HEAT.  
G. J. Clarke ..... Go J. Alves ..... 4  
H. Austin ..... Go G. H. Babie ..... 4  
C. T. Ozorio ..... 3 M. A. Razack ..... 5  
J. M. Blitto ..... 5 L. E. Lammert ..... 5  
H. S. Holmes ..... 6 F. Ellis ..... 6  
A. Ribeiro ..... 7 J. Bena Pereira ..... 8  
F. Jorge ..... 10.

## 2.—TEAM RACE.—Y.M.C.A. Lusitano, and another.

## 3.—TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP (final heat).

4.—TUB RACE (1 length).  
FIRST HEAT. SECOND HEAT.  
G. H. Babie Tub No. 1. F. S. Ellis Tub No. 5  
H. Austin ..... 2 A. E. Chammett ..... 7  
F. K. Tota ..... 6 E. Raymond ..... 7  
H. S. Holmes ..... 5 H. C. Sayer ..... 4  
J. M. Blitto ..... 3 E. E. Miller ..... 4  
F. Jorge ..... 7 E. A. Razack ..... 3  
F. Jorge ..... 7 E. Jordan ..... 1

## 5.—EXHIBITION DIVING.

P. W. White M. A. Razack  
W. Schumacker J. Alves  
F. Jorge

## 6.—TUB RACE (final heat).

## 7.—WATER POLO.

WHITE. WHITE.  
A. E. Alves (Capt.) W. Armstrong (Capt.)  
C. J. Cooke J. Whithell  
A. Barro A. Loureiro  
N. E. Alves F. K. Tota  
L. E. Lammert J. Bena Pereira  
C. J. Cooke J. Bena Pereira  
E. Ribeiro

## CARTOONS IN METAL.

The cartoonist of our own day who turns out his drawing for the current day's paper is something of a phenomenon, but his predecessors among the metal workers were pretty handy fellows. A situation had to be hit off, inscription traced, dies made, and the whole stock of cartoons in metal distributed in time to catch the public eye with the political situation dealt with was still fresh in mind. The metallist, of the middle ages, had no one. Popes and priests, queens and kings, kings and courtiers all were gibbeted in this fashion. Mary had reason to suspect her Privy Council of a fearful caricature of which she was the victim. Charles I. declared war on Holland for a malicious parody by which he was represented as a man with a long nose, and the whole stock of cartoons in metal distributed in time to catch the public eye with the political situation dealt with was still fresh in mind. The metallist, of the middle ages, had no one. 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